

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 17 4, wherein ~~when R¹ is aryl~~, R¹ represents phenyl.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 17 4, wherein R¹ represents (C₁- C₁₀) alkyl, ~~and R² and R³ represent, independently of each other, H or optionally substituted (C₆-C₁₈) aryl..~~

6-7. Cancelled

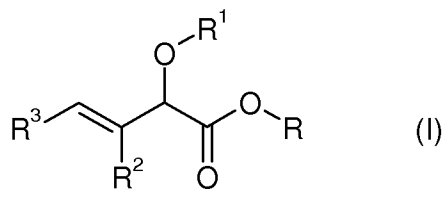
8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 of the formula I, which is:

- (R,S)-2-methoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoic acid
- methyl (R,S)-2-propoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoate
- (R,S)-2-propoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoic acid
- benzyl (R,S)-2-phenoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoate
- methyl (R,S)-2-trifluoromethylphenoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoate
- (R,S)-2-phenoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoic acid
- (R,S)-2-trifluoromethylphenoxy-4-phenylbut-3-enoic acid (Z and E forms),
- or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative, salt or stereoisomer thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions.

9.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim ~~2~~ 17, wherein R¹ is ~~(C₁-C₃) alkyl or a~~ phenyl which is optionally substituted and/or fused to a carbocyclic or heterocyclic monocyclic 5- to 8-membered nucleus containing from 0 to 4 hetero atoms chosen from O, N and S, which is itself optionally substituted.

17 (Currently Amended) A compound ~~according to claim 2,~~ of the formula I:



in which

R¹ represents a (C₆-C₁₀)aryl group, which is optionally substituted and/or fused to a carbocyclic or heterocyclic monocyclic 5- to 8-membered nucleus containing from 0 to 4 hetero atoms chosen from O, N and S, which is itself optionally substituted; or an optionally substituted C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl group;

R² is at a substituted phenyl;

R³ is a substituted phenyl;

and

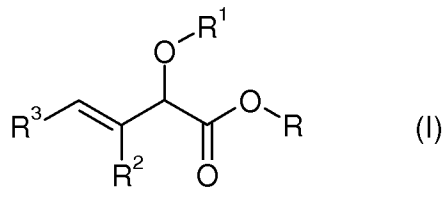
R represents a hydrogen atom; a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group; a (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl group;

or a salt thereof with acids or bases,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative, or stereoisomer thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions

~~wherein R² and R³ independently represent a substituted phenyl.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula I:



in which

R¹ represents unsubstituted aryl,

R² is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted (C₆-C₁₈)aryl;

R³ is an unsubstituted aryl;

and

R represents a benzyl;

or a salt thereof with acids or bases,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative, or stereoisomer thereof, including mixtures thereof in all proportions

~~according to claim 7, wherein R represents benzyl.~~